

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1 1. (Currently Amended) An attachment device for connecting  
2 a head and neck support device to a helmet, which  
3 comprises:

4 (a) a base having a front surface with an  
5 indention and a back surface with an opening extending  
6 therebetween for positioning on the helmet with the back  
7 surface of the base adjacent an outer surface of the helmet  
8 and the opening of the base aligned with a hole in the  
9 helmet;

10 (b) a button having an opening and positioned  
11 ~~adjacent~~ in the indention of the front surface of the base  
12 with the opening of the button aligned with the opening of  
13 the base wherein when the button is depressed, the button  
14 moves into the indention of the base;

15 (c) a resilient member positioned between the  
16 front surface of the base and the button for biasing the  
17 button in a direction away from the base;

18 (d) a post, having opposed first and second ends

19 with a head at the first end, for positioning through the  
20 openings of the button and the base and the hole in the  
21 helmet so that the second end of the post is adjacent an  
22 inner surface of the helmet;

23 (e) a retainer for mounting on the second end of  
24 the post adjacent the inner surface of the helmet for  
25 securing the post in position in the hole in the helmet;  
26 and

27 (f) a catch for connecting to the head and neck  
28 support device and having an opening for connecting to the  
29 head of the post by positioning the head of the post  
30 through the opening.

1 2. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 1 ~~wherein the~~  
2 ~~front surface of the base has an indentation and wherein the~~  
3 button has a front surface and a back surface and is  
4 positioned in the indentation with the back surface adjacent  
5 the base so that ~~in a fully retracted position, when the~~  
6 button is depressed, the front surface of the button is  
7 flush with the front surface of the base adjacent the  
8 indentation.

1        3. (Original) The device of Claim 1 wherein the post has a  
2        connector section adjacent the head and wherein the  
3        connector section has a size less than the size of the  
4        head.

1        4. (Original) The device of Claim 3 wherein the connector  
2        section has a pair of opposed and parallel flat sections.

1        5. (Original) The device of Claim 4 wherein the head has a  
2        pair of opposed and parallel flat sections adjacent and  
3        parallel to the pair of flat sections of the connector  
4        section.

1        6. (Original) The device of Claim 4 wherein the head has  
2        an indicator line spaced between and parallel to the pair  
3        of flat sections of the connector section.

1        7. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim ~~3~~ 4 wherein a  
2        width of the connector section between the flat sections is  
3        less than a width of the opening of the catch.

1        8. (Original) The device of Claim 1 wherein the opening of  
2        the catch has a first section and a second section, wherein  
3        a width of the first section is greater than a width of the  
4        second section and greater than a width of the head of the  
5        post and wherein the width of the second section is less  
6        than the width of the head of the post.

1        9. (Original) The device of Claim 8 wherein the post has  
2        a connector section adjacent the head, wherein a width of  
3        the connector section is less than the width of the head of  
4        the post and wherein the width of the connector section is  
5        less than the width of the second section of the opening of  
6        the catch so that the connector section is able to slide  
7        into the second section of the opening of the catch.

1        10. (Original) The device of Claim 9 wherein the connector  
2        section has a cylindrical shape so that when the connector  
3        section is in the second section of the opening of the  
4        catch, the catch can rotate around the connector section of  
5        the post.

1 11. (Original) The device of Claim 8 wherein a channel  
2 having parallel sides connects the first section of the  
3 opening of the catch to the second section of the opening  
4 of the catch, the channel having a width between the sides  
5 less than a width of the first section and less than a  
6 width of the second section, wherein the post has a  
7 connector section adjacent the head, the connector section  
8 having a pair of opposed and parallel flat sections, and  
9 wherein the width of the channel is greater than a width of  
10 the connector section between the flat sections so that the  
11 connector section can be moved between the first and second  
12 sections of the opening through the channel.

1 12. (Original) The device of Claim 11 wherein the  
2 connector section has an essentially cylindrical shape with  
3 curved sections spaced between the flat sections, wherein  
4 a diameter of the connector sections between the curved  
5 sections is greater than the width of the connector section  
6 between the flat sections and the width of the channel  
7 between the sides so that the flat sections of the  
8 connector section must be parallel to and spaced between  
9 the sides of the channel when the post is moved from the  
10 first section to the second section of the opening through  
11 the channel.

1      13. (Original) The device of Claim 8 wherein the catch has  
2      a recess extending around a portion of a perimeter of the  
3      second section of the opening, wherein a size of the recess  
4      is greater than a size of the head of the post to allow the  
5      head to extend into the recess when the post is in the  
6      second section of the opening and the catch is connected to  
7      the post.

1      14. (Original) The device of Claim 1 wherein the catch is  
2      connected to the head and neck support device by a strap.

1      15. (Original) The device of Claim 1 wherein a size of the  
2      back surface of the base adjacent the outer surface of the  
3      helmet is greater than a size of the hole in the helmet.

1      16. (Original) The device of Claim 15 wherein a size of  
2      the retainer adjacent the inner surface of the helmet is  
3      essentially similar to the size of the back surface of the  
4      base adjacent the outer surface of the helmet.

Claims 17-26 (Cancelled)

1       27. (New) An attachment device for connecting a head and  
2       neck support device to a helmet, which comprises:

3               (a) a base, having a front surface and a back  
4       surface with an opening extending therebetween, for  
5       positioning on the helmet with the back surface of the base  
6       adjacent to an outer surface of the helmet and the opening  
7       of the base aligned with a hole in the helmet;

8               (b) a button having an opening and positioned  
9       adjacent the front surface of the base with the opening of  
10      the button aligned with the opening of the base;

11              (c) a resilient member positioned between the  
12      front surface of the base and the button for biasing the  
13      button in a direction away from the base;

14              (d) a post, having opposed first and second ends  
15      with a head at the first end, for positioning through the  
16      openings of the button and the base and the hole in the  
17      helmet so that the second end of the post is adjacent an  
18      inner surface of the helmet;

19              (e) a retainer for mounting on the second end of  
20      the post adjacent the inner surface of the helmet for  
21      securing the post in position in the hole in the helmet;  
22      and

23              (f) a catch for connecting to the head and neck  
24      support device and having an opening with a first section

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25 and a second section for connecting to the head of the post  
26 by positioning the head of the post through the opening  
27 wherein a width of the first section is greater than a  
28 width of the second section and greater than a width of the  
29 head of the post, wherein the width of the second section  
30 is less than the width of the head of the post, wherein the  
31 catch has a recess extending around a portion of a  
32 perimeter of the second section of the opening and wherein  
33 a size of the recess is greater than a size of the head of  
34 the post to allow the head to extend into the recess when  
35 the post is in the second section of the opening and the  
36 catch is connected to the post.